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March 20, 1996

Federal Election Commission
Attention: Ms. Mary L. Taksar, Attorney
Central Enforcement Docket
999 E Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20463

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FEDERAL ELECTION
COMMISSION
OFFICE OF GENERAL
COUNSEL
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Re: Complaint against Michael Huckabee MUR 4317

Dear Ms. Taksar:

I represent Coca-Cola Bottling Company of Fort Smith, Limited Partnership. Enclosed you will find a Statement of Designation of Counsel executed by my client.

This is in reply to your letter of March 12, 1996, in connection with the captioned matter. Enclosed you will find the Affidavit of the general partners of Coca-Cola Bottling Company of Fort Smith, Limited Partnership. The complaint filed by the Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee is erroneously based on the assumption that the \$500 contribution from "Fort Smith Coca-Cola Bottling Co." was made by a corporation. As you will note in the attached Affidavit, there is no corporation named "Fort Smith Coca-Cola Bottling Co." The correct name of the legal entity is Coca-Cola Bottling Company of Fort Smith, Limited Partnership. The entity is a limited partnership under Arkansas law as is evidenced by the attachment to the enclosed Affidavit.

The complaint states that the designation "Fort Smith Coca-Cola Bottling Co. was on a report filed by Huckabee and his committee. I suspect that some campaign worker erroneously noted the name of the limited partnership on the campaign report without realizing the significance of the entry. As you are aware some folks from Arkansas are not much on the legal niceties.

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If you have any further questions concerning this matter,
please contact me directly.

Sincerely,



S. Walton Maurras

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Enclosures

cc: Mr. Roger S. Meek, Jr.
Mr. Robert S. Meek, Jr.

STATE OF ARKANSAS)
) ss.
COUNTY OF SEBASTIAN)

MUR 4317

AFFIDAVIT

Come Robert S. Meek Jr. and Roger S. Meek, Jr., and being first duly sworn upon oath state:

We are the general partners of Coca-Cola Bottling Company of Fort Smith, Limited Partnership. A copy of the face of the Certificate of Limited Partnership issued by the Secretary of State of Arkansas February 13, 1980, is attached hereto, incorporated herein by reference and made a part hereof. Coca-Cola Bottling Company of Fort Smith, Limited Partnership, is the legal entity which made the \$500 contribution to the Michael Huckabee campaign in August 1995. There is no entity known as "Fort Smith Coca-Cola Bottling Co." separate and apart from the Coca-Cola Bottling Company of Fort Smith, Limited Partnership. At the time the contribution was made to the Michael Huckabee campaign, Coca-Cola Bottling Company of Fort Smith, Limited Partnership was a limited partnership. There is no corporation named "Fort Smith Coca-Cola Bottling Co."

Further affiants sayeth not.

Robert S. Meek, Jr.
Robert S. Meek, Jr.

Roger S. Meek, Jr.
Roger S. Meek, Jr.

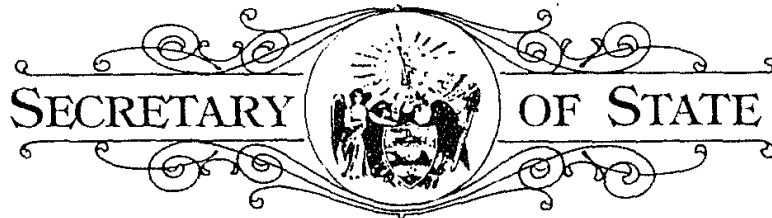
SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO before me, notary, this 18 day of March, 1996.

Pauline Hammons
Notary Public

My commission expires:

3-5-2003

STATE OF ARKANSAS



PAUL RIVIERE, SECRETARY OF STATE

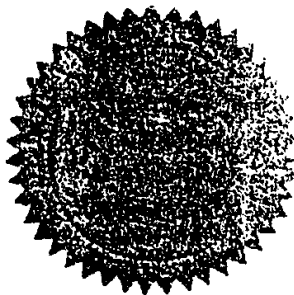
*To All to Whom These Presents Shall Come, Greeting
I, Paul Riviere, Secretary of State of the State of Arkansas, do
hereby certify that the following and hereto attached instrument of
writing is a true and perfect copy of*

CERTIFICATE OF LIMITED PARTNERSHIP

OF

COCA-COLA BOTTLING COMPANY OF FORT SMITH,
A LIMITED PARTNERSHIP

Filed in this office:
February 13, 1980



*In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto
set my hand and affixed my official Seal.
Done at office in the City of Little Rock,
this 13th day of February 19 80*

PAUL RIVIERE

By *[Signature]* Secretary of State
Deputy

STATEMENT OF DESIGNATION OF COUNSEL

MUR 4317

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The above-named individual is hereby designated as my counsel and is authorized to receive any notifications and other communications from the Commission and to act on my behalf before the Commission.

COCA COLA BOTTLING COMPANY OF FORT SMITH, LIMITED
PARTNERSHIP

3/18/94
Date

by Roger S. Meek, Jr.
Roger S. Meek, Jr. Signature
by Robert S. Meek, Jr.
Robert S. Meek, Jr.

RESPONDENT'S NAME: Coca-Cola Bottling Company of Fort Smith,
Limited Partnership

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